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**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of the Claims:**

1. **(Cancel)**

2. **(Original)** A coffee maker including

a water reservoir,

a brew basket for receiving coffee grinds,

an in-line water heater,

a first water passage between the reservoir and the brew basket, the first passage passing through the in-line water heater for delivering heated water to the brew basket, and a second water passage between the reservoir and the brew basket,

the second passage passing through the in-line water heater and the flow rate in the second passage being controlled so that water from the reservoir is converted into steam for delivery to the brew basket, wherein the steam enters the brew basket below the level of any coffee grinds in the basket.

3. **(Original)** A coffee maker as claimed in Claim 2 wherein steam is released into the brew basket to cause a substantially helical flow path.

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4. **(Original)** A coffee maker as claimed in Claim 2 wherein the brew basket includes a passage for steam communication with the second water passage, the passage having an aperture proximate the base of brew basket.

5. **(Original)** A coffee maker as claimed in Claim 2 wherein there are two in-line water heaters, one for each water passage.

6. **(Original)** A coffee maker including  
a water reservoir,  
a brew basket for receiving coffee grinds,  
an in-line water heater,  
a first water passage between the reservoir and the brew basket, the first passage passing through the in-line water heater for delivering heated water to the brew basket, and  
a second water passage between the reservoir and the brew basket, the second passage passing through the in-line water heater and the flow rate in the second passage being controlled so that water from the reservoir is converted into steam for delivery to the brew basket, wherein the steam enters the brew below the level of any coffee grinds in the basket to cause a substantially helical steam flow path therein.

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7. **(Currently Amended)** A coffee maker, as claimed in Claim 6 ~~The method of claim 6, wherein the steam enters the brew basket below the level of coffee grinds in said brew basket.~~